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SUBJECT: W/W: DEATH AND INJURY ON YACHT "SPELLBOUND" (EDWARDS,
LOREN, JOANNE WAZEL, GARY LEE, KERRY AND OSKAM, SUZAN
LORY)

TO: MR. AND MRS. IRA EDWARDS

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THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A REPORT FROM THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AT
PAPEETE, TAHITI REGARDING THE TRAGEDY ABORAD THE YACHT "SPELL-
BOUND". THIS OFFICE REGRETS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE REPORT
CONFIRMS THAT YOUR SON, LOREN EDWARDS, AND HIS WIFE, JOANNE
WAZEL EDWARDS, DIED AT SEA OFF THE ISLAND OF RANGIROA IN THE
TUAMOTU GAMBIER AREA. THESE DEATHS OCCURED SOMETIME DURING THE
NIGHT OF FEB. 23 TO FEB. 24, 1978 WHILE THE YACHT WAS ENROUTE
FROM THE MARQUESAS TO PAPEETE.

THE BODIES WERE BURIED AT SEA OFF RANGIROA BETWEEN 0700 AND 0800
ON FEB. 25, 1978, ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY REPORTS. MOST CURRENT
INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY IS THAT ANOTHER CREW MEMBER,
KERRY EDWARDS ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL MAMAO IN PAPEETE, TAHITI.
KERRY HAS SUFFERED HEAD INJURIES. DR. BRONSTEIN WHO SPEAKS ENGLISH
AND DR. BERTHELOT ARE THE ATTENDING PHYSICIANS. THE PHONE NUMBER
AT THE HOSPITAL IS 29674. REMAINING CREW, GARY EDWARDS AND
SUZANNE OSKAM ARE REPORTED TO BE STAYING ON A YACHT IN PAPEETE.
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PLEASE ACCEPT OUR CONDOLENCES FOR YOUR TRAGIC LOSS.

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